

Westmoor Primary School

Newsletter January 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Outdoor Play And Learning (OPAL)

Although this only started two weeks before Christmas, OPAL play is really well embedded. The zoned areas work



well, allowing children from Year 1 to 6 to play anywhere they choose on the school play site. The cold weather did not deter the children from playing in the mud kitchen or the digging area - it just took a lot more effort! Space hoppers work just as well in the snow! We have recently replaced the old dining tables that were utilised for table tennis, with purpose built tables. This is proving very popular. Money raised by "The Friends of Westmoor" has been used to purchase a summerhouse. As this was an ex-display model, Oakenclough Buildings agreed to supply and install this for £2000. Donated carpet will be used to provide a warm surface for the children to sit, along with bean bags and twinkly lights. Children can bring their own colouring pencils/pens and notebooks etc. to use in this area. In addition, pogo sticks have been purchased to be used in a new zone for "Craze of the Week". In this area, the items on offer will change weekly, from pogo sticks to diablos to French skips, etc. We initially tried to get sponsorship for a 64m² sandpit, however this has not been possible. We have asked a company to quote for this and will keep you updated. We hope to have this installed in the Easter break. "Parent Play Days" will be offered after Easter, so that you can come in to explore the activities on offer, alongside your child. If your child does not have wellies in school, please try to do so, so that they can access all activities on offer.

Some dates for your diary:

- 05.02.19 – Nursery Pyjama Party
- 15.02.19 – Y3 & Y4 Discovery Museum Trip
- 15.02.19 – Break up from school
- 25.02.19 – Back to school
- 28.02.19 – Y1 & Y2 Quayside Trip
- 07.03.19 – World Book Day(non uniform/fancy dress)

Parental Questionnaires

We value and appreciate your feedback. Thank you for responding to the wellbeing questionnaire. On Monday we will send the annual Ofsted model questionnaire out electronically. In the past we have had a very good response in paper form and would urge parents to complete this. Please do not miss questions out as it will show as incomplete and may not pull data through. As these are anonymous, we would urge parents to approach us with any concerns so that we can respond directly.

Safety

Parents dropping off at breakfast club have access to the staff car park. However, concern has been expressed in terms of speed of parent vehicles and of inappropriate parking. Please put the safety of all foremost.

Parent Teacher Consultations

If you were unable to meet with your child's class teacher, please contact school to make an appointment. Staff have a commitment to communicate with parents of 100% of children with regards progress.